

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An improved internal wetting agent for blending with polymeric material for formation of apertured films and/or polymeric fibrous webs, said wetting agent consisting essentially of between about 1% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and between about 0% and 44% titanium dioxide (TiO_2), by weight, with the balance of said wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin.

2. An improved wetting agent in accordance with claim 1, including: said wetting compound in the range of 10% to 12.5%, by weight.

3. An improved wetting agent in accordance with claim 1, including: titanium dioxide in the range of 38.5% to 40%, by weight.

4. An improved wetting agent in accordance with claim 1, wherein: said polymeric carrier resin is low density polyethylene.

5. An improved wetting agent for blending with polymeric material for formation of apertured fibrous and/or polymeric fibrous webs, said wetting agent consisting essentially of about 12.5%, by weight, of a wetting compound, about 40%, by weight, of titanium dioxide (TiO_2), and about 47.5%, by weight, of low density polyethylene as a carrier resin.

6. A nonwoven fabric comprising a plurality of continuous filaments, said filaments containing a wetting agent consisting essentially of between about 1% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and between about 0% and 44% titanium dioxide (TiO_2), by weight, with the balance of said wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin.

7. A film comprising a continuously extruded sheet, said sheet containing a wetting agent consisting essentially of between about 1% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and between about 0% and 44% titanium dioxide (TiO_2), by weight, with the balance of said wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin.

8. A disposable waste-containment garment, comprising;
an absorbent core,
a liquid pervious topsheet,

a liquid impervious backsheet,
said liquid pervious topsheet comprising a wettable substrate,

said wettable substrate comprising a wetting agent consisting essentially
of between about 1% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and between
5 about 0% and 44% titanium dioxide (TiO₂), by weight, with the balance of said
wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin.

13. A disposable waste-containment garment as in claim 12, wherein
the garment is a diaper.

14. A disposable waste-containment garment as in claim 12, wherein
10 the garment is a catamenial device.